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FOR: POWER TRANSMISSION SYSTEM :

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT

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In response to the Election of Species Requirement dated January 5, 2009, Applicants hereby elect, *without traverse*, Species as follows: Transmission Configuration 1: Fig. 1, corresponding to claims 29-31, 38-50 and 59; Program 1: Fig. 5, corresponding to claims 32, 52 and 60; Valve 1: Fig. 4, corresponding to claim 51; and Pump 1: Fig. 2, corresponding to claims 30 and 50. Applicants make this election based on the understanding that Applicants are not prejudiced against filing one or more divisional applications that cover the non-elected claims and species.

Accordingly, examination on the merits of Transmission Configuration 1: Fig. 1, corresponding to claims 29-31, 38-50 and 59; Program 1: Fig. 5, corresponding to claims 32, 52 and 60; Valve 1: Fig. 4, corresponding to claim 51; and Pump 1: Fig. 2, corresponding to claims 30 and 50, is believed to be in order and an early and favorable action is respectfully requested.


Respectfully submitted,

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